

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	*	<b>CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 09-112</b>
<b>v.</b>	*	<b>SECTION: A</b>
<b>MARIA F. RUEDA</b>	*	<b>VIOLATION: 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)</b>
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**FACTUAL BASIS**

The above-named defendant, **MARIA RUEDA**, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to Count Two of the Indictment now pending against her. Should this matter have gone to trial, the Government would have proved beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible exhibits, the following facts to support the allegations charged by the Indictment now pending against the defendant, **MARIA F. RUEDA** (“**RUEDA**”).

In March 2009, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”), were contacted by a confidential source (“CS”), who told him that he could order a kilogram of cocaine from a Hispanic male known to the CS as “Gil”. (Gil was later identified as Gilbert Perez.) The CS told one of the DEA agents that Gil was in route to Hammond from

Oklahoma with one kilogram of cocaine. The agent told the CS to call Gil and confirm that they were going to meet in the parking lot of the Petro Truck Stop located in Hammond. During the drive from Oklahoma to Hammond, Gil called the CS on several occasions to discuss the terms of the drug deal, and to confirm his estimated time of arrival. After reaching the truck stop, Gil called the CS and told him that he wanted to meet in the parking lot of the Wal Mart instead of the truck stop. The CS - after being equipped with an audio transmitting device by an agent - proceeded to the Wal-Mart to meet Gil. Gil arrived shortly thereafter, and parked his car behind the CS's vehicle. Gil then exited the vehicle, entered the CS' vehicle, and began discussing the drug deal. Gil then went back to his vehicle to retrieve a sample of the cocaine to show it to the CS in an effort to assure him that he had the entire kilogram of cocaine with him. He then re-entered the CS's vehicle with the sample of cocaine. Once the cocaine was displayed to the CS, the agents moved in and arrested Gil and **RUEDA**. The agents then searched Gil's vehicle and found a kilogram of white powder in the trunk, which later tested positive for cocaine.

Immediately thereafter, **RUEDA** was interviewed by several DEA agents concerning the facts and circumstances surrounding their arrest. During the interview, **RUEDA** admitted that she had traveled from Oklahoma to Hammond with Gil in the Ford Focus that they occupied just before they were arrested. She also admitted to the agents that she wrote directions on a pad of paper illustrating a path from Highway I-49 to Highway I-10 East to Hammond.

Sometime thereafter, DEA agents in Oklahoma met with the manager of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car store in Oklahoma City to determine the identity of the individual(s) that rented the car that Gil and **RUEDA** were driving at the time of their arrest. The manager from Enterprise identified Gil and **REUDA** from photographs as two of the three individuals that had negotiated the rental agreement for the aforesaid vehicle.

It should be noted that **RUEDA** should be considered as a minor participant in the aforementioned criminal activity as defined in §3B1.2(b) of the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

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MARIA F. RUEDA  
Defendant

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